



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

JOHN M. GROVER
KNOBBE MARTENS OLSON & BEAR
2040 MAIN STREET
FOURTEENTH FLOOR
IRVINE CA 92614

MAILED ^{May} 16 2006

In re Application of DIAB ET AL.
Appl. No.: 09/144, 897
Filed: September 1, 1998
For: SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS

:
: **DECISION ON PETITION**
: **UNDER 37 CFR 1.59**
:
:
:
:
:
:

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.59(b), filed February 24, 2006 to expunge information from the above identified application.

The petition is granted.

Petitioner requests that a document entitled Information Disclosure Statement, filed February 24, 2006, be expunged from the record. Petitioner states that either (A) that the information contains trade secret material, proprietary material and/or material that is subject to a protective order which has not been made public; or (B) that the information submitted was unintentionally submitted and the failure to obtain its return would cause irreparable harm to the party who submitted the information or to the party in interest on whose behalf the information was submitted, and the information has not otherwise been made public. The petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) has been paid.

The information in question has been determined by the undersigned to not be material to the examination of the instant application.

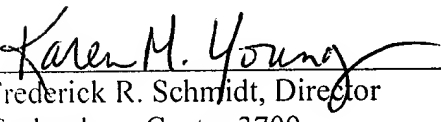
Applicant is required to retain the expunged material(s) for the life of any patent which issues on the above-identified application.

The expunged material has been removed from the official file. In as much as papers can not be physically expunged from the Image File Wrapper (IFW) System and returned to petitioner, all

Art Unit: 3714

documents submitted have been marked "expunged pursuant to petition under 37 CFR 1.59" and have been closed to public view.

Any questions regarding this petition decision should be directed to Jessica Harrison, Technology Center Special Programs Examiner at 571 – 272- 4449.

for 

Frederick R. Schmidt, Director
Technology Center 3700